

THE DEAF HIV PROGRAM

Deaf Community Advocacy Network (DEAF C.A.N.!)
Navigating HIV Services for Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and DeafBlind Clients

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BETWEEN 8,000 AND 40,000 DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING INDIVIDUALS ARE LIVING WITH HIV DISEASE IN THE UNITED STATES, ACCORDING TO THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION - THE STUDY WAS IN 2001.

[HTTPS://WWW.THEBODY.COM/ARTICLE/HETEROSEXUALS-HIV-RESOURCES](https://www.thebody.com/article/heterosexuals-hiv-resources)

Goal #1: Educate

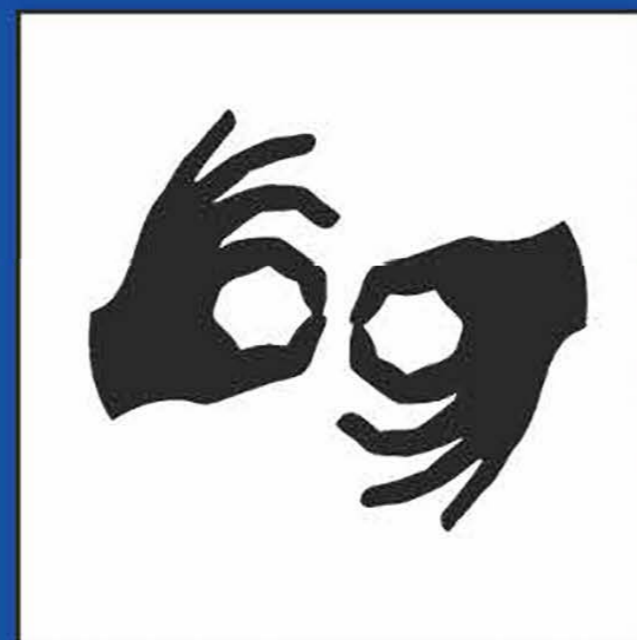
Deaf/Hard of Hearing/DeafDisabled/Deaf Blind community about HIV and STI by providing access to them by creating videos with American Sign Language (ASL).

Goal #2: Provides culturally and linguistically appropriate client centered services, engage and educate clients to improve their health literacy and build confidence to advocate for themselves for more accessible services.

Goal #3: provide trainings to clinics and organizations to better understand Deaf culture and working in the Deaf community, identify strategies and best practices for working with DPLWH, and resources for how can clinics provide quality care and increase accessibility and address ableism in their organization

DIRECT CARE SERVICES

- CASE MANAGEMENT (MEDICAL & NON MEDICAL)
- INFORMATION FOR/ABOUT PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS
- COMMUNITY RESOURCES
- COMMUNICATION SUPPORT
- SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETING SERVICES
- ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING QUALITY MEDICAL CARE
- NUTRITIONAL RESOURCES
- TRANSPORTATION RESOURCES
- BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
- ADVOCACY
- VLOG ON HIV TERMS
- IPADS AVAILABLE FOR CLIENTS WHO NEED IT
- DRAWING DIAGRAMS AND PICTURES



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- Communication support
- Sign language interpreting services assistance in obtaining quality medical care
- Nutritional resources
- Transportation resources
- Behavioral health
- Advocacy
- Vlog on HIV terms
- iPad available for clients who need it
- Drawing diagrams and pictures

Between 8,000 and 40,000 Deaf and hard of hearing individuals are living with HIV disease in the United States, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - the study was in 2001. [Heterosexuals and HIV: Where Are the Resources?](#)

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